

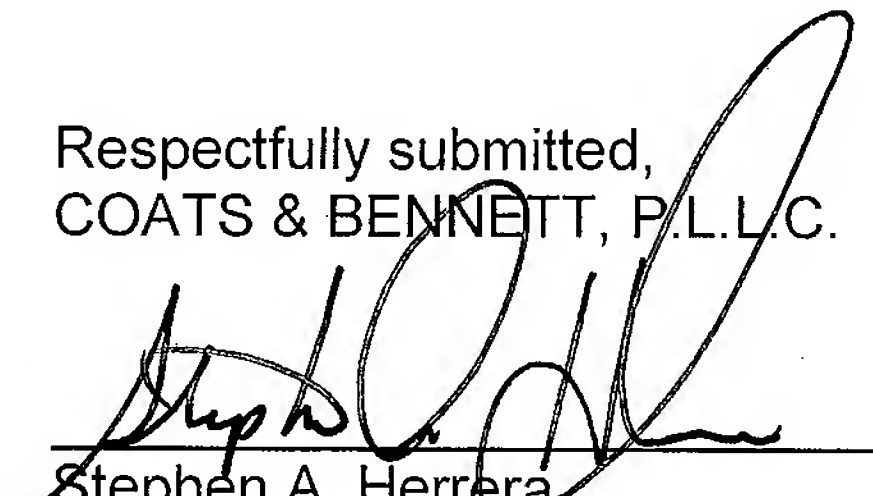
**REMARKS**

Claims 9-16 are currently pending with claims 9 and 16 being independent. Examiner Steven Nguyen contacted the undersigned attorney on or about February 23, 2010 to discuss claim 9. The Examiner identified several references he stated would be applied to claim 9 in a new office action. However, Examiner Nguyen also suggested some limitations and stated that if Applicant amended claim 9 to include those limitations, the Examiner would allow all pending claims. Accordingly, based on the Examiner's assurances and solely to facilitate the promised allowance, Applicant submits this supplemental amendment amending claim 9 to incorporate the language suggested by the Examiner. No new matter has been added. Additionally, Applicant will allow the Examiner to make the amendments himself via an Examiner's amendment.

It should be noted that the foregoing claim amendments are made only to facilitate the expeditious prosecution of the subject matter indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Despite these amendments, Applicant does not concede that the art of record anticipates the claims as they stood prior to the amendments. Nor does Applicant concede that the art renders those claims obvious. Therefore, Applicant reserves the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional patent applications.

In light of the foregoing, and as identified by the Examiner, all claims now stand in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,  
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